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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

26th November 2012

RE: RCT Attendance and Wellbeing Service

At Llanharan Primary School, we place great emphasis on the importance of attending school everyday and we are supported by the Local Authority in ensuring that we provide the best possible opportunities for our pupils. There are already a range of school based initiatives in place which help us to promote and celebrate achievements and the Attendance and Well Being Service (AWS) also support us in our efforts for continued improvements.

Schools and parents have a legal obligation for ensuring registered pupils attend school regularly and the AWS is there to offer the appropriate support where there may be difficulties.

As part of Rhondda Cynon Taf's drive to improve school attendance the AWS has arranged a number of activities for the remainder of the term which are aimed at raising the awareness of attendance across communities and as part of this campaign are asking schools to support them by reminding parents to actively discourage casual and unnecessary absences from school. The following activities have been arranged: -

- Daily Absence Response Teams (DART) deployed across school clusters
- Joint Truancy Operations on the Valley Lines with British Transport Police
- Supermarket Swoops across the localities
- Retail Park patrols

DART activities are specifically designed to support schools in operating and managing their "First Day Response" procedures and will involve home visits to absent pupils, particularly if there has been no contact made to explain the absence.

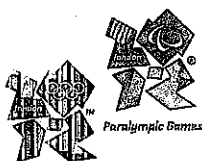
I look forward to your support in achieving excellent attendance for the Christmas term which will help us to reach our school attendance target of 95% in 2013.

Yours sincerely

Mrs B Price
Head teacher



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